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Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2009

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The present note was prepared pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 63/272, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to expedite the implementation of that resolution, including through the expected provision of support to the Joint Inspection Unit by the secretariats of the participating organizations for the preparation of its reports, notes and confidential letters, and the consideration of and action on the Unit's recommendations in the light of pertinent resolutions of the Assembly, and to report to the Assembly on an annual basis on the results achieved.

2. In his capacity as Chair of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the Secretary-General provides extensive support to the Joint Inspection Unit, beginning with the circulation of its reports. In accordance with the Unit's mandate, the secretariat of the Chief Executives Board circulates all reports of system-wide concern to United Nations system organizations and compiles the comments received. During this process, as a matter of practice, the Chief Executives Board secretariat requests organizations to respond within the deadline provided, so that reports can be produced within the mandated time frame.

3. During the 2009 period, the Chief Executives Board for Coordination secretariat prepared comments for seven Joint Inspection Unit reports, including some from the programme of work of the previous year. In each case, organizations were requested to comment on the final version of the report, including the methodology used and the content of the recommendations. These comments, which are issued as United Nations documents under cover of a note by the Secretary-General, reflect the overall consensus of the United Nations system, although each organization may choose to address the specific recommendations within the framework of its governing bodies.

4. In addition to this circulation process, the Chief Executives Board secretariat has continued to work very closely with the Joint Inspection Unit on the preparation of the annual programme of work. As has become common practice, the secretariat

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circulated to members of the Board a request for report proposals late in 2009. The responses were compiled and a further prioritization exercise was concluded. The results were then provided to the Joint Inspection Unit for further consideration.

5. Furthermore, the Chief Executives Board secretariat continues to maintain a constant dialogue with, both the inspectors and the Executive Secretary of the Joint Inspection Unit, to ensure a smooth report preparation process and to identify methods for enhancing the value of the Unit's reports. As has been noted in the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit, the subsidiary machinery of the Chief Executives Board have invited the Unit to participate in its meetings, as needed.

6. As regards organizations' consideration of and action on the Joint Inspection Unit's recommendations in the light of pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly, section E of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2009 (A/64/34) contains detailed information about the actions taken by organizations of the Chief Executives Board in follow-up to recommendations of the Unit.

7. The Secretary-General will continue to pursue a closer working relationship with the Joint Inspection Unit and to encourage all organizations to respond in a timely manner and in a spirit of cooperation to requests of the Unit.